

This week's community profile: Lunds



Big cheese: Cheesemaker Albert Giese shows off a 22-pound piece of cheese outside his cheese factory

in the Shawano County community of Lunds. He has operated the factory since 1960.

There are plenty of Lunds in this town

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LUNDS — Four generations of Lunds call this Shawano County community home.

The community is named for Johnannes "John" Lund, a farmer who owned most of the land here about 100 years ago.

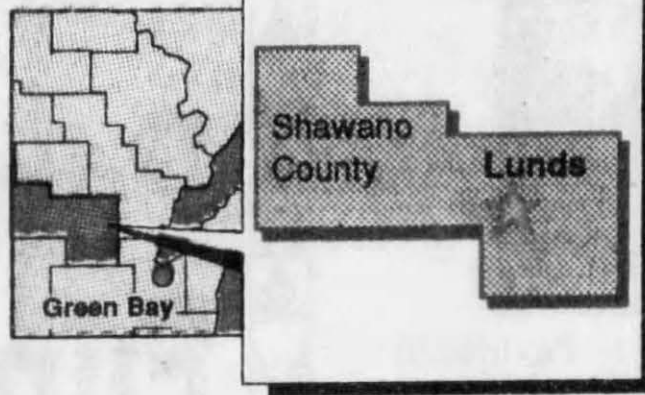
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John Roemer

His daughter-in-law, Anna Lund, 95, Route 1, Shawano, has lived here for most of her life. Her son, Vic Lund, 67, operates Lund's Bar, Route 1, Shawano. Vic's daughter, Debbie Selle, her husband, Mark, and their two children live in the house attached to the bar.

And another one of Vic's daughters, Kelly Lund, and her two children live next door to Anna Lund. Kelly sometimes helps out in the bar.

Anna Lund remembers when workers in 1917 laid railroad tracks into Lunds, which is about 30 miles northwest of Green Bay.

Wisconsin Central trains now run a few times a day, and at night, right near Anna Lund's home. She enjoys quilting,



checking out the action at her bird feeders, visiting with her grandchildren and tending African violets.

"Lund's Corner they used to call this," Vic Lund said, motioning outside the tavern window to where Shawano County T and McDonald Road meet.

Vic Lund was born in his grandfather's farmhouse, which stood across the street and just west of the bar until it was torn down in the 1980s.

"They had a beautiful home," Anna Lund recalled. She's lived in Lunds since she got married at age 17, except for a two-year stint in the 1930s in Clintonville, where her husband worked.

Vic Lund worked for CW Transport in Appleton for about 40 years before he retired. "I lived in Appleton for a few years and I moved back. I like the quietness. I don't like that tearing around day and night, with the traffic running by the house."

Lund is operating the bar for the second time. He bought it in 1969, sold it in 1971, and bought it back after retiring about five years ago.

About once a month, patrons move the bar's two pool tables to the walls before country-western dancing begins with music by area resident Cliff Elertson.

Lund can recall about 55 years ago when Lunds included a store, pickle fac-

The Lunds file

□ **Population:** Estimates from businessmen Albert Giese and Vic Lund varied from 28 to 42.

□ **Keeping the faith:** Services at Jerusalem Lutheran Church, built 117 years ago, are held only during the summer and once a month then.

□ **School days:** Lunds youngsters attend Olga Brener School, Franklin Middle School and Shawano High School in the Shawano School District.

tory, potato plant, cheese factory and railroad station.

The cheese factory remains.

Albert Giese, Route 1, Shawano, has operated it since 1960. He and his wife, Mary Ann, live next to the factory.

He makes about 1,500 pounds of cheese a day. His sons Allan, 40, and Dan, 30, help out.

Giese, 61, collects about 15,000 pounds of milk from 12 to 15 area farmers for each batch of cheese. He sells the cheese to a wholesaler, Northern Produce, Manitowoc.

Giese likes living in Lunds.

"It's a good community," he said. He enjoys the area's abundant wildlife. The Navarino Wildlife Area is to the south and Shawano Lake to the north.

■ **Next week:** Gills Rock in Door County.



Over there: Vic Lund, owner of Lund's Bar, talks about the community where he was born and

raised. Lund was named for Vic's grandfather, Johnannes "John" Lund.



Still quilting: Anna Lund, 95, shows a quilt she made in her home. She has lived in the community since she was 17.